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### Big Cypress National Preserve Seeking Public Comment Related to Future Fire Management Planning

The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Fire Management Plan for Big Cypress National Preserve in southwest Florida. As part of the initial scoping process, we are soliciting comments from agencies, tribes, organizations, and individuals concerning issues and alternatives they would like us to consider and their rationale for suggesting they be analyzed.

The updated Plan will include an EA prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and related federal regulations. The draft EA will take into consideration comments received during the scoping period and describe several alternatives. The draft plan and EA will be made available for public comment prior to completion.

We welcome your initial comments during the scoping period of this project. The comment period closes on 07/02/2004 at 12:00 AM. Your comments must be submitted or postmarked by midnight Mountain Time on 07/02/2004 by 11:59 PM. To learn more about the National Park Service planning process and provide comment to the Big Cypress National Preserve Fire Management Plan, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>, or contact:

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